

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Optometry hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 180, “Licensure of Optometrists,” and Chapter 182, “Practice of Optometrists,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments revise outdated language, outline the requirements for an incomplete application and include the requirement that the best-corrected visual acuity determined by refraction be included as a part of a contact lens or spectacle lens prescription.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than August 22, 2017, addressed to Judy Manning, Professional Licensure Bureau, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; e-mail judith.manning@idph.iowa.gov.

A public hearing will be held August 22, 2017, from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room 526, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

A waiver provision is not included in this rule making because all administrative rules of the professional licensure boards in the Division of Professional Licensure are subject to the waiver provisions accorded under 645—Chapter 18.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.3, 147.10, 147.55, 154.2, and 154.3.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **180.2(1)“a”** as follows:

a. An applicant shall complete a board-approved application form. Application forms may be obtained from the board’s Web site (~~<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>~~) (<https://www.idph.iowa.gov/licensure>) or directly from the board office, or the applicant may complete the application online at <https://ibplicense.iowa.gov>. All paper applications shall be sent to the Board of Optometry, Professional Licensure Division, Fifth Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

ITEM 2. Rescind paragraph **180.2(1)“g”** and adopt the following new paragraph in lieu thereof:

g. Submitting complete application materials. An application for an optometry license will be considered active for two years from the date the application is received. If the applicant does not submit all materials within this time period or if the applicant does not meet the requirements for the license, the application shall be considered incomplete. An applicant whose application is filed incomplete must submit a new application, supporting materials, and the application fee. The board shall destroy incomplete applications after two years.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 645—182.3(154), introductory paragraph, as follows:

645—182.3(154) Furnishing prescriptions. Before a licensed optometrist provides a spectacle or contact lens prescription to a patient, the eye examination record shall include best-corrected visual acuity with ophthalmic lenses or contact lenses in the lens powers determined by refraction. Each

contact lens or ophthalmic spectacle lens/eyeglass prescription by a licensed optometrist must meet the requirements as listed below: